

18th Annual Rotary Club of New Albany Community Toast and Benefit Banquet Honoring Gary Libs



November 4, 2011

Evening's Program

Jamey Aebersold Jazz Trio

Welcome

John Whitbeck, Rotary Club of New Albany President 2011-2012

Invocation

Reverend H. Michael Hilderbrand, Pastor, St. Mary of the Knobs

Dinner

Opening

John Whitbeck Jerry Finn, Master of Ceremonies

Toasters

Jeff Libs, Son and Vice President Libs Paving J. Robert Shine, Chairman of Monroe Shine

Presentation

Ed Clere, Indiana State Representative

Toasters

Vaughan Scott, Vice President of Investments, Axiom Financial Strategies Group

Greg Nash, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investments; St. Mary of the Knobs Parish Finance Committee

Rotary International Presentation

Bettye Dunham, Past District Governor, Rotary District 6580

Community Toast

M. Diane Murphy, 2010 Rotary Toast Honoree

Honoree's Response

Gary L. Libs

Closing

John Whitbeck

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Rotary Club of New Albany

Each year, the Rotary Club of New Albany receives numerous requests for donations from the community. Proceeds accumulated from the 2010 Rotary Community Toast and Benefit were distributed among the following organizations, projects and programs: Ronald McDonald House; "I Like Me" book distribution; Community Alliance to Promote Literacy; Boys & Girls Club of Kentuckiana; Children's Academy of New Albany; The Carnegie Center; Clean Up New Albany; New Life International; American Cancer Society; Angel Tree; Indiana University Southeast; Hoosier Boys State; Hoosier Girls State; Forrest McCaffrey Scholarship Fund; Floyd County Head Start; Rotary Youth Exchange; Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference; International Water Projects in Mexico and Uganda; Floyd County Scholarship Banquet; Rotary Scholarships; YMCA; New Albany Floyd Public Library Foundation; Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council.

Approximately fifty percent of the net proceeds from this evening will be used by the Rotary Club of New Albany to continue to address humanitarian projects both locally and internationally. Internationally, the Rotary Club of New Albany supported a clean water project in an orphanage for children with AIDS in Uganda.

Rotary Club



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Gary L. Libs

Paving the way has always been of interest to Gary... and something he has done throughout his life. Whether it is as a family man, business man, or community leader, Gary has provided direction and a road to travel. That direction and path are deeply rooted in family and community.

Gary's ancestors blazed a trail in the Knobs so many years ago. The Libs family has been members of St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Community

for eight generations.

Gary's resumé is most impressive. He presently serves as President and CEO of Libs Paving Company, Inc. which started in 1971. He is also president of Asphalt Supply Company, Inc. Gary is Chairman of the Board of Community Bank Shares, Inc. and is a Director on the Board for Your Community Bank.

Gary was appointed by the Governor and serves as a member of the Ohio

River Greenway Commission. He is a

member of St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church & serves on Executive Committee of Capital Campaign for the Parish.

Additionally, he has served with the following groups:

- United States Army Reserve
- Board of Overseers Bellarmine University
- Indiana Auctioneer Commission Board
- Board of Overseers, Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand
- New Albany Floyd County Educational Foundation Board

Gary graduated from Floyd Central High School and attended University of Louisville as well as the Indiana College of Auctioneering.



Family is First

He has been married to Sandra Gettelfinger Libs for nearly forty years.

They have four married children and ten grandchildren

- Jeff (and Cara) Libs and children Griffin, Reece and Zoe
- Tricia (and Chris) Huber and children Sterling, Garrett and Stella
- Tracy (and Svend) Jansen and children Xavier and a new baby
- Trudy (and Andy) Betourne and children Knox and Brooks

Gary and his family are eight generations of members of St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church. The Libs family settled in Floyds Knobs and



worked the land as farmers. Much of what he attributes to his success connects back to the farm and his family. His parents were farmers; growing 150 acres of fruits and vegetables to sell to large grocery stores in the local area and Midwest. Strawberries, tomatoes, melons, squash and zucchini were just a few of the products which helped Gary learn the value of hard work, responsibility, teamwork and a connection to the land and the community.

"Life is connected to faith." Gary Libs

Not only did his parents teach him and his siblings the value of hard work, they instilled in him the importance of faith and education. Going to church every weekend and being active in the faith community was a part of life. And faith is deeply connected to life, as noted by Gary. It was the faith passed down through the generations that shaped Gary's values. Getting involved in helping and ministries was expected and modeled. Life in the Libs family followed the rhythms of faith, the farm and family. It was all connected.

"Be Honest, fair, and truthful with anyone you engage with. Raymond Libs

Those connections shaped Gary's way of life. His father, Raymond and his mother, Mary, had tremendous influence on the person Gary became. His father had a lot of "one liners" or proverbs to live by. "Be Honest, fair, and truthful with anyone you engage with," shaped his work as a business man. His work was deeply connected to this community he grew up in. Of course, his father's role as a County Commissioner ensured that he knew lots of people. "Growing up here, working here, living here, the people you meet, are all connected," according to Gary.

"You had better work every Saturday because it rains most Mondays."
Raymond Libs

Gary attributes his first job at Louisville Paving due to help from his father. His dad used to take him on trips across the county when looking at road conditions. From an early age, Gary was interested in roads. In his mind, it was just a matter of time before he was going to be "paving the way!" After working in Louisville and getting some experience, he started his own business with his brother Danny and Norman Gesenhaus. Another brother, Tony, would join him in the business. It was his father's philosophy that provided the foundation for a successful business. "Do it. Do it Right. Don't cut corners." The company now includes the leadership of son, Jeff and has grown to the point where it has 40 employees in the busy season.

But paving was not the only thing on the mind of Gary Libs. At a CYO dance in Starlight in 1968, he saw a beautiful young lady that caught his attention. Too bashful to ask her to dance, he followed her and her friend, whom Gary knew, to Frisch's. He worked up the courage to go to his friend's car, who introduced him to the beautiful Sandy Gettelfinger. Her dad, Irvin Gettelfinger told Sandy after meeting Gary, "That's the kind of guy you need to go out with." And they did, and as they say, the rest is history. They dated for three and a half years and got married in February of 1972.

Gary also was interested in auctioneering and credits Jude Kruer from Starlight with getting him involved. He was an auctioneer on weekends and kept busy with paving during the week. In his first auctioneering job he wore a Stetson hat and tie. He learned a lot about people and the importance of integrity in the auction world. After several years, he decided he needed to focus on his paving business and auctioneering would become a hobby. He decided to volunteer much of his time as an auctioneer for various charitable events. It was in this charitable work that he met and became good friends with Denny

"Give back." Gary Libs

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Giving back is a way of life for Gary, Sandy and family. It is the way they were brought up, it is the way they live. "The community has been so good to us, we are glad to be

able to give back," said Gary. Gary's service on numerous boards is a testament to his philanthropic spirit. His belief in the importance of education is backed up with his service and commitment to the New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation. His commitment to his faith supports his larger-than-life involvement in the charitable work at Saint Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church and School. He supported the vision to start a Catholic school for the children of the parish and the community when St. Mary's had none. Those accomplishments don't come without a lot of work, passion and commitment.

"Have faith in your life-regardless of religion. Gary Libs

The Libs family was involved in shaping the parish at Saint Mary of the Knobs from its founding, as well as literally helping build the early churches. St. Mary of the Knobs is the oldest parish in the Indianapolis archdiocese and was established in 1823 by early French immigrants.

It should come as no surprise that Gary would be just as engaged in helping build the new church. It is just part of the family



legacy! Gary and a team of friends, (Pat Byrne, Bill Sprigler and Bob Shine) have led the campaign to build the new church and an activity center on a 90 acre campus. For Gary, this has been one of the most rewarding experiences of his life. He is truly shaping the future of the community which has had such an impact on him and his family. The

gymnasium in the activity center and the athletic fields serve not only church members but are available to the community at large.

"The community has been so good to us." Gary Libs

When asked what we as a community need to be doing to make our area great, Gary immediately responded with a focus on education. "We have great schools here on an elementary and secondary level. Education is the key to transforming a community; IU Southeast, Ivy Tech and Purdue College of Technology are all great institutions that have shaped our community. Good education helps create more jobs. We need to be able to keep our young people here, and they need good jobs here. The cost of living here is affordable. We need to get more companies to locate here and offer good jobs. We have good workers who are not afraid of hard work."

"Follow your passion." Gary Libs

Something that few people know about Gary is that he always wanted to start a band when he was younger. He loves music. In fact, he credits his singing of Beach Boys tunes with helping win over the heart of Sandy. She smiles when he says that! Gary believes there is a connection to his love for singing and how his life has paved the way in so many ways. "Follow your passion," Gary says. Without the excitement and passion for life, things are just boring. There is very little boring about Gary Libs! He still sings... and now his children and grandchildren smile.

"If you want spring to get here, get a 30 day loan and it will get here quick!" Raymond Libs

His father is Gary's biggest idol but he has an impressive group of friends that have shaped his life as well. He credits a good friend Tom Young with his involvement in the banking business. He names Jim Robinson as being an "amazing man" from whom he has learned so much. Bob Shine gets the same type of accolades from Gary. He tells stories of good times and great friendships with so many in the community, especially those who serve on boards and community projects he is involved with. "Good buddies in life... you can't buy that!"

And a community cannot buy good, committed people like Gary Libs. They have to be home grown - a lot like the strawberries and other vegetables the Libs family raised for so long. They have to be nurtured and raised in a fertile setting. They need the great leaders, mentors and models of family and faith that are part of Gary's life. Gary describes himself a "farm boy who got lucky." Maybe so, but then we are all lucky to have Gary Libs paving the way for a greater southern Indiana community. It is an honor for the Rotary Club of New Albany to recognize this philanthropic leader through our Community Toast. Here's to you, Gary! You deserve it. May you, your family and our community always be so blessed!



The 2011 Charity Recipient

St. Mary of the Knobs Parish

The 2011 Charity Recipient Gary L. Libs

FAITH is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic community was born in the Knobs in 1823 and a few years later the initial church



facility was built by settlers, who in a very real sense were pioneers.

From that early time, parishioners have joined together to improve parish life. Gary Libs' faith and vision have played an important part in his leadership style as chairman of the \$11 million "Upon This Rock" capital campaign.

Belonging to a community and especially a faith community such as St. Mary of the Knobs resonates in Gary's being. When St. Mary of the Knobs embarked on the "Upon This Rock" capital campaign in 2007, it was clear that long-standing families were eager to embrace the younger, newer members of the faith community. Gary's positive attitude and leadership style encapsulated the spirit of the campaign and convinced others in the parish community and business world that an Activity Center, new Church and Athletic fields were needed to support the continued expansion of St. Mary of the Knobs.

The creation of athletic fields on the church property for our children, youth and even adults to play softball, baseball, soccer or football continues to unfold providing many new opportunities for community building and youth development in an environment that is wholesome and safe. These improvements work to achieve the parish mission of improving the social, educational, cultural and spiritual environment.

Because of Gary's leadership, people inside and outside of St. Mary of the Knobs parish community felt encouraged to step forward with a sense of unity, tradition and identity. Gary lives life in the belief that God has a plan for him and those he meets throughout his day.

His life emulates Margaret Mead's words, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

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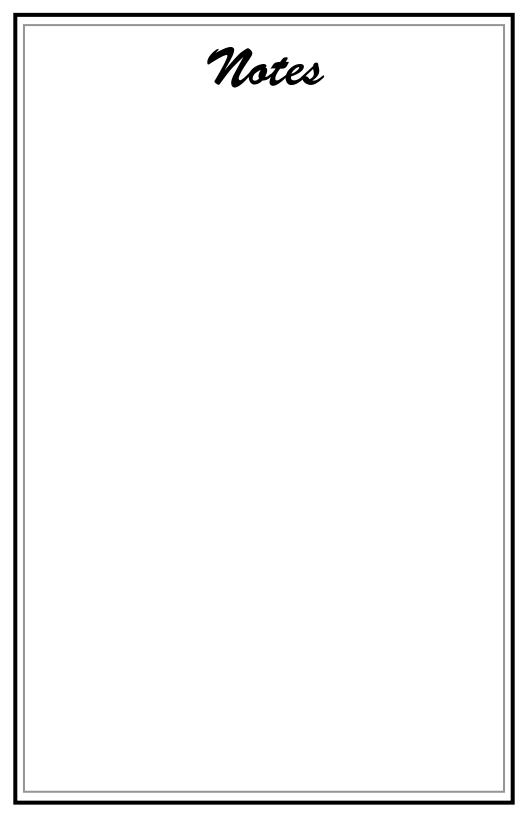
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Gary Libs



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